

Arsenal, 100; Soldier of Fortune, 100; Henry O. 37; Decatur, 100; Agur, 100; Ponca, 101; Van Hope, 105.

Seventh race—Mile and twenty yards. Water Lake, 56; Ed Early, 56; Will Smith, 100; G. J. McPherson, 100; Line, 101; Prince Salm, 100; Bishop Weed, 104; Brookston, 100; Berry Waddell, 102; Athena, 105; Fairbury, 100; Jade, 88; Haywood, 100; Strom, 107; Bell the Cat, 113.

CROPPING EARS NOT NECESSARY

Cruel Practice Doesn't Improve Dog.

WAS STOPPED IN ENGLAND

And Breeds Didn't Degenerate or Lose Popular Favor—America Should Adopt Law.

The question of cropping the ears of the bull terrier and the Great Dane and German bearded dog, comes up, both among the fanciers and the laity. The American public is so accustomed to see the pointed ears in these breeds that there arises a loud wall of contempt when a dog of either class is produced with all of the appendages or parts thereof that nature gave him.

Some years ago a law was passed in England prohibiting cropping, and it was then prophesied that the breeds on which cropping had been practiced would degenerate. On the contrary, these classes have become more popular, and are just as highly prized in their natural form as when a veterinary's ears had trimmed them into a fashionable figure.

More Popular Than Ever.

Indeed, both the bull terrier and the Great Dane are more acceptable to the real lover of the dog now in England than before, for the reason that personal prejudices and a desire not to give pain in conjunction with the universal desire to conform to prevailing ideas forbade many a man from keeping these breeds, where cropping was considered necessary, and a failure to crop reprehensible. It is country ear cropping is still in vogue, some day there will be a law passed against it, for it is only custom that gives the impression that the terrier looks sharper and more intelligent with the ears cut. Five years of non-cropping and the terrier's ears are now so much emphasized as when a veterinary's ears had trimmed them into a fashionable figure.

LONDON'S VETERAN OARSMAN IS DEAD

E. D. Brickwood's Loss Keenly Felt by His Many Friends in Aquatic Sporting Circles.

LONDON, Jan. 6.—The death of Edwin Demper Brickwood, amateur champion sculler in his day and for many years aquatic editor of the Times and the Field, in London, in his sixty-eighth year, caused universal sorrow among the members of the rowing section of the sporting public of England. As a youth he took up rowing in connection with the Argonaut Rowing Club, of Richmond (now defunct), and at an early age ventured to enter the race for the diamond sculls at Henley. That was a time when the celebrated H. H. Playford, of the London Rowing Club, was at his best, but Mr. Brickwood won at the first time of asking, although it must be said in all fairness that Playford had previously stroked the winning London Rowing Club crew to victory in the grand challenge cup in a grueling race. In the following year Playford, devoted himself to sculling alone, and recovered his honors, while the following year the celebrated A. A. Casamajor, of the London Rowing Club, won, but in 1862 Brickwood was victorious a second time, beating W. B. Woodgate, the old Oxonian and the London Rowing Club man, after a dead heat in which the distance judge was seen to pass the distance judge's box first, but the official declared that he judged the finish by the sterns of the boats and not the stems.

After a rowing career of some half a dozen years, Mr. Brickwood gave up active participation in the sport on medical advice, but he still took a strong interest in the sport, and he became aquatic editor of the Field, and afterwards the Times, while among the honorary offices which he held were those of umpire for many of the River Thames regattas, honorary secretary of the national regatta, the Henley regatta, and the English amateur sculling championship, and the press steamboat and land.

OLD-TIME PEOPLE KNOCKED FOOTBALL

LONDON, Jan. 6.—W. J. Wilson, the Hon. Secretary of the Surrey Football Association, has been studying up the history of the game recently.

So much of an authority has he become that he recently lectured to a large number of football enthusiasts here in London, dealing especially with the ancient laws upon the subject. Mr. Wilson authoritatively declared that football was six centuries old. Shrove Tuesday had been associated with the game from the earliest times, and in the fourteenth century (in the reign of Edward II) football was played by so many youths in the streets that the merchants appealed to the King to put the game down, as it interfered with the commerce of the country.

But football was strong enough to defy the law, even of the King, both in England and Scotland, despite agitation, and much condemnatory writing against the game. In the sixteenth century the game, though unlawful, was played in the streets and fields, the goal posts raised from such objects as bushes to houses, and were often smashes apart. One special prayer was designated by a writer named Stubbs deprecating football on the Sabbath on the ground that it was a "bloody and murderous game, backs, legs, and necks being indiscriminately broken."

Another writer, more generous, declared that the game not only encouraged the hearts of the players and stimulated them to meet the foe eye to eye without flinching.

SNOW CARNIVAL FOR SPEEDWAY

Local Drivers Anxiously Wait on Weather.

WANTS CHAMP POLE TEAM

Mr. McDermott Experimenting With Greenline and Monteith With Eye on Records—Circuit Prosperous.

Wind again interfered yesterday with the regular Saturday afternoon brush-up on the Speedway, and not more than two or three drivers had the nerve to send their nags against the blasts.

Local interest in harness horses is now largely centered in the proposition to have a snow carnival on the Speedway. All of the members of the Road Drivers and Riders Association are enthusiastic over the project and are hoping for a good heavy snowfall. They want to make the occasion memorable in every way and many handsomely decorated sleighs should be in line if the carnival is ever held. Arrangements for such an event have been started several times, but the rain has always interfered and killed the going.

There are several professional drivers in the Road Drivers and Riders Association and they expressed great satisfaction over the fact that the two races on the Speedway on New Year Day were open to them as well as the amateurs. There has been some quiet kicking among the pros, in the past over the fact that they were barred from the Speedway special events, and while they did not expect to be declared in on everything, they thought they should get some sort of a run for their money and be allowed an occasional chance to pull down a prize.

Charles McDermott drove The Dean, 2:02, and Marian Wilke, 2:08, over the Speedway yesterday as a pole team, but the wind was too eager and nipping to try any fancy business in fast stepping.

Mr. McDermott is trying to find the best way to arrange his horses in pole teams. Greenline, 2:07 1/2, and Marian Wilke have been tried together, but Greenline does not appear to get along any too well with the Wilkes horse, and will probably be doubled up with Monteith, 2:05 1/2. If this combination works well, Mr. McDermott will go after some of the world's records with pole teams, and in Greenline and Monteith he has a pair capable of a thing or two. If not for the wind, at least for this neck of the woods.

A meeting of the Brightwood Driving Club will be held this morning at the clubhouse to discuss important business. The club is already beginning to bestir itself with preparations for its ambitious race meetings in the spring and fall, and Secretary Hadfield predicts that those who thought Washington would not support harness racing will receive the surprise of their lives.

Secretary Joseph A. Ellis, of the Gentlemen's Driving Club, Baltimore, reports that the outlook for racing in the Maryland and Virginia circuit is better than it has ever been. Neither of those States has prohibited selling pools, and the tracks are consequently making money, but not enough to arouse the envy of persons in or out of the business. That the purses and stakes have been a real incentive to the breeding industry is proved by the number of Maryland and Virginia bred horses in the circuit each year and the growth in the sales of high-bred pacers and trotters from the farms which are supporting stables.

DR. GARDNER LOPED HOME AT OAKLAND

Ran Seven Furlongs Within Half Second of World's Record—Easy for Marian Rose.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 6.—Dr. Gardner, ridden by Leroy Williams, ran away from the fastest bunch of speed of the season at Oakland today.

The event was the Follansbee Handicap and the Grand colt, with 116 pounds up, covered the seven furlongs in 1:24 1/2, within half a second of the world's record, which was made at Saratoga on August 15, 1902, by The Musketier, then four years old, with 108 pounds on his back.

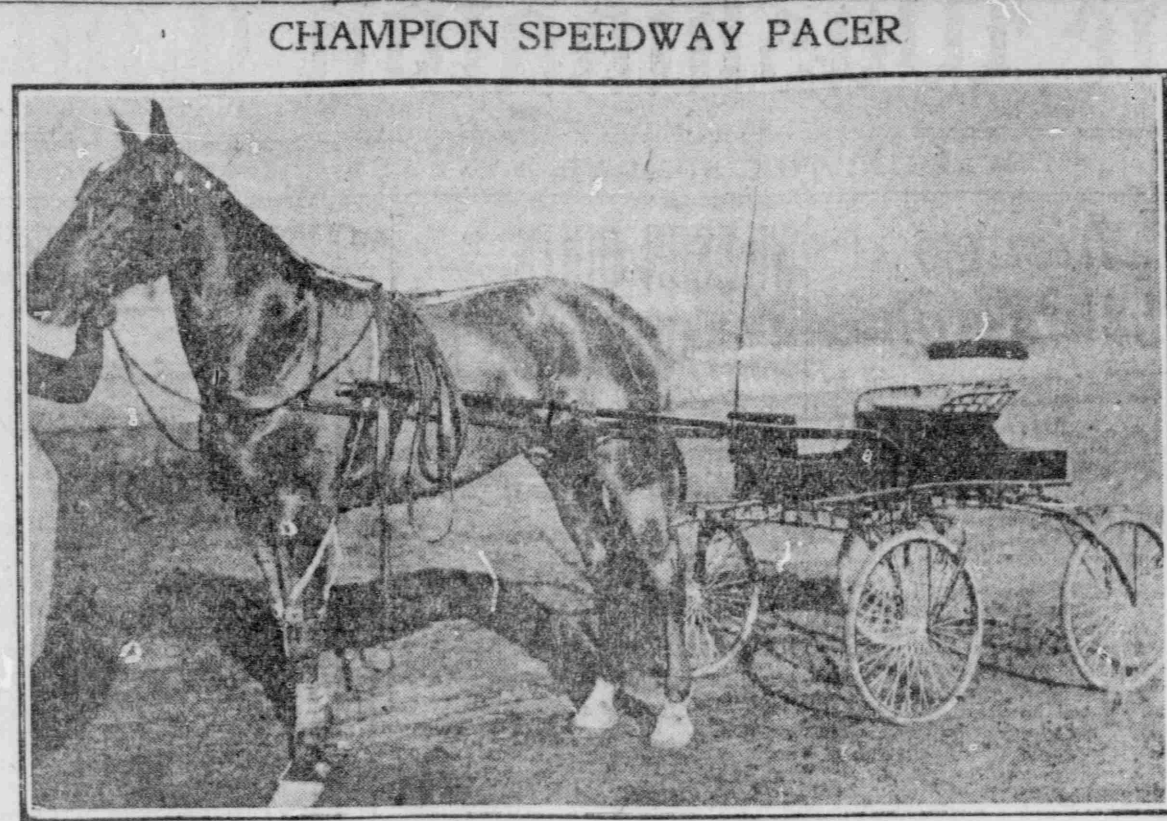
Radtke was aboard Schreiber's Billy, Marion Rose, in the first, and brought her home third. The second went to the well ridden H. Col Cap, which repeated his victory over Royalty. Little Jimmy Horner, was unlucky in getting into numerous pockets on Mass in the fifth, but getting clear a sixteenth from home, won by a nose from Gateways. Marvin showed his stuff as a performer by his game effort.

Summary: First race—Three and one-half furlongs. Marion Rose, 103 (Radtke), 6 to 5; Blue Bottle, 112 (Phillips), 12 to 1; Elmdale, 112 (McBride), 7 to 1; third, Time, 1:42. Second race, 1 1/2 furlongs. Escherich, 105 (McBride), 2 to 1; third, Time, 1:23. Third race, 1 1/2 furlongs. Escherich, 105 (McBride), 2 to 1; third, Time, 1:23. Fourth race, 1 1/2 furlongs. Escherich, 105 (McBride), 2 to 1; third, Time, 1:23. Fifth race, 1 1/2 furlongs. Escherich, 105 (McBride), 2 to 1; third, Time, 1:23. Sixth race, 1 1/2 furlongs. Escherich, 105 (McBride), 2 to 1; third, Time, 1:23. Seventh race, 1 1/2 furlongs. Escherich, 105 (McBride), 2 to 1; third, Time, 1:23. Eighth race, 1 1/2 furlongs. Escherich, 105 (McBride), 2 to 1; third, Time, 1:23. Ninth race, 1 1/2 furlongs. Escherich, 105 (McBride), 2 to 1; third, Time, 1:23. Tenth race, 1 1/2 furlongs. Escherich, 105 (McBride), 2 to 1; third, Time, 1:23.

Second race—One and one-eighth miles. H. Col Cap, 107 (Poulke), 6 to 1; w. 1; Escherich, 105 (McBride), 2 to 1; third, Time, 1:23. Third race, 1 1/2 furlongs. Escherich, 105 (McBride), 2 to 1; third, Time, 1:23. Fourth race, 1 1/2 furlongs. Escherich, 105 (McBride), 2 to 1; third, Time, 1:23. Fifth race, 1 1/2 furlongs. Escherich, 105 (McBride), 2 to 1; third, Time, 1:23. Sixth race, 1 1/2 furlongs. Escherich, 105 (McBride), 2 to 1; third, Time, 1:23. Seventh race, 1 1/2 furlongs. Escherich, 105 (McBride), 2 to 1; third, Time, 1:23. Eighth race, 1 1/2 furlongs. Escherich, 105 (McBride), 2 to 1; third, Time, 1:23. Ninth race, 1 1/2 furlongs. Escherich, 105 (McBride), 2 to 1; third, Time, 1:23. Tenth race, 1 1/2 furlongs. Escherich, 105 (McBride), 2 to 1; third, Time, 1:23.

Fourth race—Seven furlongs; the Follansbee Handicap. Dr. Gardner, 116 (Williams), 9 to 1; w. 1; Escherich, 105 (McBride), 2 to 1; third, Time, 1:24. Fifth race, 1 1/2 furlongs. Escherich, 105 (McBride), 2 to 1; third, Time, 1:23. Sixth race, 1 1/2 furlongs. Escherich, 105 (McBride), 2 to 1; third, Time, 1:23. Seventh race, 1 1/2 furlongs. Escherich, 105 (McBride), 2 to 1; third, Time, 1:23. Eighth race, 1 1/2 furlongs. Escherich, 105 (McBride), 2 to 1; third, Time, 1:23. Ninth race, 1 1/2 furlongs. Escherich, 105 (McBride), 2 to 1; third, Time, 1:23. Tenth race, 1 1/2 furlongs. Escherich, 105 (McBride), 2 to 1; third, Time, 1:23.

Sixth race—Six furlongs. Tom McGrath, 110 (Radtke), 9 to 5; w. 1; Escherich, 105 (McBride), 2 to 1; third, Time, 1:23. Seventh race, 1 1/2 furlongs. Escherich, 105 (McBride), 2 to 1; third, Time, 1:23. Eighth race, 1 1/2 furlongs. Escherich, 105 (McBride), 2 to 1; third, Time, 1:23. Ninth race, 1 1/2 furlongs. Escherich, 105 (McBride), 2 to 1; third, Time, 1:23. Tenth race, 1 1/2 furlongs. Escherich, 105 (McBride), 2 to 1; third, Time, 1:23.



CHARLES McDERMOTT'S GREENLINE, 2:07 1-4.

CHECKERED CAREER OF OLD ST. GATIE

One of World's Most Famous Horses.

RECENTLY SOLD FOR \$500

Has Seen Twenty-four Summers, But Still Active—Sired Meddler, Head of Winning Stallions for 1904.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Jan. 6.—St. Gatie, sire of the great stallion Meddler, and who was dead-beated for the English Derby of 1884, with Harvester, has been purchased by George J. Long, the Louisville breeder and racing man. St. Gatie has had a somewhat checkered career. By The Rover out of St. Editha, he is considered in England a "chance bred" horse, though he has the blood of some of the greatest horses in the English stud book in his veins.

He won every race for which he started, as a two-year-old, was unbeaten at three, beaten only once at four, and only twice as a five-year-old. His record shows three defeats in four seasons on the turf. His races included the dead heat with Harvester for the Derby, Gold Vase at Ascot, Casarewitch, Gold Cup at Ascot, Alexandra Plate, and Jockey Club Cup. He sold for \$70,000 to go to Germany for stud purposes. He sired many good winners there, but was taken back to England, and later brought to this country.

In England he sired Meddler, who was unbeaten as a race horse, and who was imported to this country to become one of the leading sires. He was at the head of the winning stallion list of 1904 with almost \$25,000 to the credit of his get. Among St. Gatie's get in this country to earn distinction is St. Bolane, who won the Municipal Handicap and the Weight-for-Age race at two miles and a quarter at Belmont Park last October.

At the Rancho del Paso sale St. Gatie was knocked down to James B. Haggin for \$500. He is now twenty-four years old, but if looks count for anything, still has a few years of usefulness ahead of him. He was shipped to Lexington with the other Haggin stock. Mr. Long asked John Morris to look the horse over. His report evidently was satisfactory, a deal was made and St. Gatie has already been shipped to Louisville.

ONCE GREAT TENNY NOW IN OBSCURITY

Offered as Sire at Small Fee—Much Was Expected of Imp. Gonsalvo.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Jan. 6.—The famous racehorse Tenny is this season to be offered as a public sire.

The once famous race horse is now spending his last days on an obscure farm in Harrison county. H. C. Duffy, residing near Cynthia, has offered the service of Tenny to the public for a small fee. The horse has been unfortunate during his career in the stud, and few mares have been bred to him.

Imp. Gonsalvo, who died here last week, just after he had been loaded on the cars for shipment to Mexico City, Mexico, was sold at a recent sale of thoroughbreds by the Fasig-Tipton Company, and purchased by Kavanaugh Brothers, who expected to put him at the head of a stud. Imp. Gonsalvo was a bay horse by Fernandez, dam Cherrie, and was the winner of some classic stakes during his career, including the Cesarewitch Handicap, Knowsley Dinner Stakes, Alexander Plate, Goodwood Handicap, etc. He is the sire of Gonsalvo, Murillo, Esparto, Peseta, Fontana, Lady Wilford, Hermosa, Puerto, etc. He was a half brother to Plecto and Rosalind.

James L. Gay, Glasgow, Ky., breeder of saddle horses, has made a successful experiment crossing thoroughbred mares with saddle-bred stallions. At the recent sale here he bought a large number of thoroughbred mares that are to be bred to saddle horses. The idea being to get a type of horse that is faster and quicker in action than the pure-bred saddle.

COLUMBIA BEAT PRINCETON.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—Columbia defeated Princeton by 4 to 2 in the initial game of the intercollegiate hockey championship series, which was played at the St. Nicholas rink tonight. Knight scored two goals for the local team, while Miller and Armstrong shot the puck in for one goal each. The only point to score for Princeton was Chew, who made two goals.

CHAMPION SPEEDWAY PACER

Midwinter Horse Notes Of Track and Stable

Young Jay Gould May Go in for Racing. Schreiber Strong in Two-Year-Olds. Crit Davis With Trotters.

By MANHATTAN.

Jay Gould, son of George Gould, may go in for racing.

It is known the young man is an enthusiastic lover of the horse, an expert polo player and an all-around athlete. The present generation of Goulds has not taken to the racetrack, but then, it took a couple of generations for the Vanderbilts to get interested in the sport. Young Gould not only loves a horse, but is a fine judge of the points of a good animal. He will have the money and leisure necessary to excel at the game, and many stranger things have happened than the appearance of the "Gould colors" on the racetrack.

The entries for the greatest stakes races to be run this year were closed Tuesday.

The famous Suburban Handicap, of the guaranteed value of \$30,000, is the most important of all the stakes to close and the Brooklyn Handicap, of the same character and value, is of scarcely less importance. The \$25,000 Brighton Handicap, the third of the great mile and a quarter events, also closed. Of less value, but nevertheless occupying a prominent place in the calendar of race fixtures, come the \$18,000 Commonwealth Handicap, at Sheepshead Bay, and the weight-for-age Adversity Stakes, value \$15,000, at the same place.

Entries for the Futurity of 1906 also closed. All the fixtures filled well and there is no indication of a slackening in the royal sport.

It was to be expected that headlines like those which appeared in one of the metropolitan dailies this week should be seen:

"Racing at New Orleans May Be Stopped by Law."

It would have been unreasonable to expect that the present situation would not arouse the enemies of racing to renewed activity, and it is to be feared with fair prospect for a successful crusade.

"Barney" Schreiber, the well-known Western turfman, who races most of his stable of horses on the Western coast, but occasionally sends a couple East to race at the Saratoga track, will have one of the largest stables of two-year-olds for the coming season. At his Woodlands Farm, in Missouri, he has at the present time sixty coming two-year-olds, which will carry his colors during the season of 1906 on the Western and Eastern tracks. Of the coming two-year-olds in his stable he has twenty-one which he will race on the California tracks during the winter and next spring and then they will be shipped to the other Western tracks.

In the string are thirty-three colts and twenty-seven fillies, and the youngsters represent nine stallions. Sain has sired twenty-one, Bannockburn, fifteen; Balgown, eight; Sir Hercules, six; Poul Shot, five; Service, two and Altamira, Rubicon and Piquart, one each.

Crit Davis has signed a contract to handle the string of J. G. Cecil, the Danville breeder, during the coming year. He will have a big stable of young horses, the get of Cecilian Chief, principally, and will make a bid for some of the big trotting stakes of 1906. Davis intends to go back again with the Danville string. The last good trotter he sired some time.

The grand circuit was Prince Wilkes, which, when he had made a remarkable race-winning record, was sold to a foreign land for \$30,000.

E. H. Bradley now has his training stables on Avenue U, near the Sheepshead Bay track. There has just been completed for the Western owner an eighteen-stall barn that is up-to-date in every particular. Here the Bradley horses will be housed when they come East next spring.

On January 11 the annual meeting of the Jockey Club will be held and stewards elected to fill the place of those retiring. The same day the annual meeting of the stockholders of the various racing associations will be held. In addition to all this, the forfeit list will be due.

The racing of very young two-year-old racing babies has been of unusual proportions this year. On January 1 no less than fifty-seven young thoroughbreds, two years old on that day, by virtue of the decree of the powers that be in racing that the age of all thoroughbreds shall date from January 1, were carded to start at the various tracks.

It is not to be wondered at that the number of really first-class horses competent to win big races at three years

and upward is growing steadily less, and that the tendency is constantly growing toward having two or three animals of unusual stamina take practically all the fixtures in which they are entered. It is a question worth considering how long this can keep up without seriously injuring the sport.

Himyar, one of the most remarkable thoroughbreds, both as a racer and sire, this country has seen, died recently at E. S. Gardner's Summer country establishment. Death was due to old age, he being thirty years old lacking one day.

Himyar was a son of Alarm, out of Hira, by Lexington. He won many classic events at the age of two and three years. In the stud his career was even more brilliant, as he not only got Domino, Correction, and Placid, but shed more than 100 horses that won \$3,000 or more on the turf.

Another noted name to be added to race horse necrology is Libbertibbet, one of the most celebrated brood mares in the history of the California turf. Libbertibbet was the dam of the great colt, George C. Bennett, the frequent winner of the Kentucky Derby, the fine race mare Honiton, and Gold Lace. Libbertibbet was sired by Bullion, a son of War Dane. Her dam was Philbertibbet, by Kingfisher.

Oiseau, the good three-year-old, which won several big races during the last racing season, is wintering nicely at the Sheepshead Bay track and is expected to be in good condition by the time the racing season rolls around.

Sworray, stood in his way of winning some of the rich stakes, and it is probable that the same colt will be Oiseau's opponent again during this year's campaign. According to his trainer, the colt will run better this year.

Henry Birkenruth, a well-known Western rider, is spending the winter with his parents at Logansport, Ind., after having a successful season in Australia. He has already signed to ride for Herr Victor Mautner, of Budapest, and Baron Springer, of Vienna, has second call on his services. Birkenruth sprang into prominence when he won a \$15,000 stake in Paris with Orange Blossom, a long shot, which was owned by a French count. The year before last he rode for Edmund Blanc, of Paris. He got his early training as a jockey in the employ of Ezell and "Sam" Hildreth, and rode forty-one winners in one season in California. He also rode the winner in a Kansas City derby a few years ago.

Here are the American sires whose get won more than \$50,000 during 1905:

Hamburg	\$158,430
Colton	144,120
Meddler	126,750
St. Dixon	107,350
Ben Storme	101,545
Hastings	85,500
Waterbury	81,285
Star Ruby	64,675
Kingston	63,710
Lampbrush	62,000
Ben Brush	61,010
Goldfinch	54,325
Octagon	53,475
Knight of the Thistle	51,550
Rapido	51,340
Rate of Success	50,000

Enoch M. Wishard, trainer for John A. Drake, who only a few days ago visited John Haynes' horse farm in Connecticut, is authority for the statement that Stairway will not be the only first-class five-year-old next season to dispute Sysonby's claims to first honors in the handicap division. Ort Wells, winner of the Tidal, Realization and Commonwealth of 1904, is at Haynes' place, and Wishard says that it is a certainty he will train next season.

HARVARD WILL LOSE STAR TRACK ATHLETE

CAMBRIDGE, Jan. 6.—L. P. Dodge, the crack young Harvard runner, will not don the Crimson jersey next spring. He has been compelled to go South for his health, and if he comes back to Cambridge during the spring term will not be able to get into running at all. Last year he entered Harvard as a freshman and made his "H" in two weeks before the year was over. He took third in the 100, and second in the 200, in the dual meet with Yale, closely following his captain, W. A. Schick, who took nearly everything he went into in his college course.

TOMMY MOWATT KNOCKED OUT. PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 6.—Tommy Mowatt, of Chicago, was knocked out in the second round by Tommy Murphy, of New York tonight.

Good Fights Promised In Next Twelve Months

O'Brien and Hart Almost Sure to Meet—Britt and Nelson Due Again—Sullivan-Gans Bout Coming.

By W. W. NAUGHTON.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 6.—This is the time of year when sporting critics consider it their duty to review the events of the twelve months gone. What has it all been? It is an easy task and when it is accomplished it refreshes the memory and that's about all.

To me it seems it would be much more interesting to speculate on what may develop in the year that stretches away before us. Take pugilism, for instance. Who will be matched? What fights remain unfought?

In the heavyweight division Jack O'Brien fills the eye more than any other pugilist at present. Jack might be called the human accordion. Not that he is over-puffy or muscular, but on account of the contraction and expansion. He says he can dwindle to a middle-weight or fill out to a topnotch pounder, according to the brand of championship that is in dispute.

Must Meet Hart.

Jack's principal ambition, of course, is to be the champion of all champions, the successor of Jeffries. He considers he gained the title by defeat of Fitzsimmons from whom Jeffries wrested the honors. Marvin Hart also claims the distinction because he won from Jack Root, at Reno, in a contest which was advertised as a world's championship event.

A match between Hart and O'Brien is inevitable, unless one of the men is defeated meanwhile. Other heavies who have declared themselves championship candidates are Gus Bickell, Jack Johnson, Mike Schreck, Jack Willis, George Gardner and Al Kaufmann. There may be others still, but I can't recall them just now. Sam Berger hasn't quite made up his mind whether peaceful mercantile pursuits are not more in sympathy with his temperament, and Will Squires, in faraway Australia, still carries in the land beneath the southern cross.

Will one of this motley crew stand forth as an undisputed champion before the dawning of 1907, or will some powerful novice spring up and outstrip them all in the race for the heavyweight crown?

Jeff Overshadows Them.

Incidentally the heavyweight situation is a peculiar one. Had Jim Jeffries lost an arm or leg before retiring it would be different, but just as long as the boldermaker retains his vigor, the best man the game produces will only be regarded as a champion by courtesy. No matter how brilliantly the next champion may perform, some one will say: "This fellow wouldn't be it for a moment with Jeffries." And then there will be the usual rumor that Jeffries has decided to return to the ring. The big fellow may deny it and reiterate that his only ambition is to juggle marrows and sail beads for the cows, but whether he comes back to the ring or stays on the farm his shadow will be over the heavyweight situation. No man will have a clear title to heavyweight supremacy in the minds of the people until Jeffries becomes too old or too fat to fight.

The heavies and light-heavies are all gloriously jumbled now, while the middleweight division is as thinly peopled as a seaside resort in midwinter. Jack O'Brien says he would like to box Tommy Ryan for the middleweight title. Well, it may come to that some day, but Ryan will have to square himself with the San Francisco sporting public for past backslidings before he can hope to disport himself in a ring in this city.

Judging from what is said in match-

making circles there is little prospect of Tommy and Jack being sent together in the near future, so that further discussion of the matter at this time is needless.

Ryan, it is said, may box Tommy Burns at Los Angeles. Jack (Twin) Sullivan, who recently defeated Burns, thinks he should have had the preference. Sullivan wants to box either O'Brien or Ryan for the middleweight championship, and says he will make Ryan a present of \$500 if he will agree to box.

No less a personage than Jim Jeffries thinks Sullivan the most suitable opponent in sight for O'Brien, but Jack himself is yet to be heard from on the subject. Meanwhile, Jack Sullivan's defiance is far reaching. He is ready to meet any man in the world at 154 pounds, and will fight Sam Berger at any old weight.

Battling Nelson, of course, is the prince of lightweights, and every man within ten pounds of his weight is anxious to sign with him. But his firmness in the matter of weight enables him to hold about from fellows like Mike (Twin) Sullivan and Jimmy Gardner, and at the same time this narrows the Dane's zone to an extent that there are few worthy opponents in sight for him.

Among the men Nelson has yet to meet for the first time, "Kid" Hermann is the one most spoken of. The Los Angeles sports, who are right good connoisseurs in things of this kind, are looking forward to the day when the Kid and the Dane shall meet. Jimmy Britt continues to press his claims to a third bout with the Dane, and it is almost a certainty that a Britt-Nelson match will be among the events of 1906.

The January program for San Francisco, as far as arranged, calls for two contests. The first will be between Willie Lewis and Willie Fitzgerald. It will take place at Colma the night of January 12.

A week later Joe Gans and Mike (Twin) Sullivan will box at Woodward's in this city. It is quite refreshing to note the confidences which exist in regard to the Gans-Sullivan fight. In the past the "finger of suspicion" was an extremely busy digit when Joe was training for a mill, but this time the sports appear to think he is out to win by dint of honest fighting.

With the feeling about the Gans-Sullivan affair is sure to excite widespread interest as the date draws near. There is no telling now which man will be favorite, but the chances are that Sullivan will have a slight claim in the betting.

Aureo Corbett, who is training to box Young Herrera—or, as Billy Jordan calls him, Aurora Borealis—has circulated New Year souvenirs in the shape of picture postal cards showing himself picking oranges with